

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Leigh Morning, Attorney, and Jodi Harr, Deputy Auditor in attendance. Deborah Adams, Auditor, was absent.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order. Minutes of the October 14th, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

### **RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT**

Tony Laird appeared before the council to thank them for allowing him to serve as their appointment to the Hospital Board. The board in turn thanked Tony for serving for them.

Gerald Mohr and Kevin Spilman will take the applications for appointment and along with the hospital's representative meet with each applicant. They will bring a recommendation to the council at the December meeting.

### **ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**

- AREA PLAN – Councilman Jerry Kent and Neal Kuhn as alternate on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by John Pavey. Motion carried.
- EASTERN INDIANA DEV. DISTRICT – Councilman Kevin Spilman on a motion by John Pavey, seconded by Jerry Kent. Motion carried.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Councilman John Pavey on a motion by Jerry Kent, seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE – Councilman Jerry Kent on a motion by Bruce Levi, seconded by John Pavey. Motion Carried.
- FIBER BOARD – Ron Jarman on a motion by Bruce Levi, seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.
- LIBRARY BOARD – Continued until December meeting. Auditor will check to see when current appointment is over.
- SOLID WASTE BOARD – Councilman Warren Norris on a motion by John Pavey, seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.
- MOSCOW COVERED BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE – Councilman Norman Winkler on a motion by John Pavey, seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

### **JURY FEE FUND**

An additional appropriation was requested from Judge David Northam in the Jury Fee Fund in the amount of \$7,500 for a December jury trial. Motion by John Pavey and seconded by Warren Norris to allow the additional appropriation. Motion carried.

## **2010 HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

The 2010 Holiday and Meeting calendar was presented. The only change was to change the July 14 meeting to Tuesday, July 13. A motion was made by Jerry Kent, seconded by John Pavey to approve the amended calendar.

## **DECEMBER 2009 MEETING**

It was requested that the Wednesday, December 9, 2009 meeting be moved to Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

## **SHERIFF**

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported twenty nine inmates currently being housed in the Rush County jail.

Sherwood notified the council that Harvest Land received the fuel contract for 2010 at \$2.39 per gallon which is .34 less than 2009.

He also said due to an increase in electric and inmate medical expenses, he has to transfer some funds within his budget.

The new Dodge Charger has been ordered and should be here anytime. He is also looking at a Black Commander from Chrysler Jeep Dodge which he will be trading the surveyor vehicle in on. The cost is approximately \$26,000. It is a police package.

Sherwood presented an update on the Rush County Police Retirement Plan. The earnings are up 15% for the year. He feels Morgan Stanley is doing a good job of managing the plan.

## **JAIL COMMISSARY FUNDS**

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood requested permission from the council to use funds from the Jail Commissary Funds to pay for the department's annual employee recognition dinner. The cost should not exceed \$3,500. A motion was made by John Pavey and seconded by Gerald Mohr to allow the use of the commissary funds for the recognition dinner. Motion carried.

## **MOSCOW COVERED BRIDGE**

Jerry Sitton updated the council on the reconstruction progress of the Moscow Covered Bridge. They will be starting anytime and the project must be completed by April 30, 2010. He believes with the Lilly Funding and other donations, there will be plenty of money to reconstruct the bridge. He stated Auditor, Deborah Adams, is working with Garry Cooley at the Rush County Community Foundation to manage the Lilly funding. Jerry Kent expressed concerns as to whether the county will have any expense in rebuilding the bridge. Sitton reiterated he does not feel like any county funds will be needed.

## **2010 BUDGET**

Councilman Jerry Kent informed the council that preliminary figures from the DLGF show that the county will probably have to cut an additional \$486,000 from the 2009 and 2010 budgets. The council instructed the Auditor to forward to all councilmen copies of the DLGF worksheets once she receives them. A couple of the councilmen will then go over the worksheets to determine what needs to be done.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Gerald Mohr. John Pavey seconded the motion, motion carried.

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Norman Winkler, Chairman

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Bruce Levi

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Kevin Spilman

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Jerry Kent